GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PUBLICATION OF NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether new telephone directory has not been published in several States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the new telephone directory is likely to be published, circle-wise/district-wise;

(d) whether these directories are not being published well in time; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of Telecom Districts/SSAs as on 31.10.2006 where Telephone directories have not been printed during the last two years by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is given in Annexure - I.

(c) to (e) Telephone directories are published Telecom District/SSA wise and not on Circle/State basis by BSNL/MTNL. The likely date of printing of Telephone Directory Telecom District/SSA wise for each circle by BSNL is given in Annexure-II. Main reasons for delay are non-availability of contractors for printing directories on reasonable terms, dispute on tenders, court/arbitration cases, non supply / delay in supply by the contractor etc.